

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) released the following statement on the U.S. Air Force's decision to award a \$35 billion contract to Boeing for their next-generation in-air refueling tanker:

"This is great news for Iowa," said Rep. Braley. "Companies in Iowa, like Cobham and Rockwell Collins, will be able to employ Iowans to do the work to complete this contract. I've been proud to support Boeing in their bid throughout this process."

The U.S. Air Force has been in the process of finding a replacement for the KC-135 aerial refueling tanker. The contract bid process has taken over three years. Boeing won the \$35 billion contract to build 179 tankers, with the potential for more in the future. The contract will create an estimated 50,000 jobs nationwide.

Download a copy of [Rep. Braley's letter to Secretary Gates in support of Boeing](#) .